

We need more care of our lives. Our influence should lead to righteousness. A young lady was heard to say she didn't like Mr. B—. "Why not?" said a friend. "He takes a very active part in our Endeavor. I thought he must be a good young man." "Yes," said she, "but he is different outside. You ought to have heard him at the social. Then he said he would have to get his Sunday face on till Sunday."

The trouble with so many is, we do not want to take Christ with us outside of the meeting house. We want a good time, and leave him behind. It don't pay to leave Christ out anywhere. He is a jealous God and won't stand it. Didn't Jonah try that once? and it took a great fish to teach him better.

The idea of trying to run away from God in a ship, the very place he needed him most. Some of us are just that way now, and have the world to laugh at us.

According to the papers, during the Endeavor convention at San Francisco only about thirty Endeavorers out of a convention of 25000 delegates had interest enough to attend the temperance session.

In this great work we need wisdom. God has promised to give us wisdom if we ask him. Saul was an educated man, brought up at the feet of one of the greatest teachers of his day. He had a large brain, a broad mind, a good conscience, just the fellow to send down to Damascus with authority to annihilate that little bundle of Christ-taught humanity. He lacked the wisdom of God, and went down a great deal farther than he expected. It was a good thing for him to be where the Lord could use him to the glory of his name. Hereafter he is willing to be led by God, no matter where or how.

He is now in the same school David was in. While David was required to use carnal weapons, Paul's were altogether spiritual. Both were of God's own choosing. Both fearless, brave, and filled with the wisdom of God, trusting in him for strength. David with sling and stone, and the God of Israel to back him had enough to put a great Philistine army to flight while Saul and all his host couldn't budge them. We need to love God more, then we will serve him better. Oh, for more of his spirit that our lives may be spent, like his, in doing good, and reproving sin.

Sometimes unexpected things are

required of us, and like the rich young man, we go away sorrowing. He had kept the law; he was sure of that, was getting along nicely, wondered what good thing he might do, and asked the Master what he was required to do. He didn't consider it very good to trust the Lord with his pocket book and follow him. He went away sorrowing and that is the last we read of him. We have Endeavorers just like that.

A leader of the mercy and help department came to a friend to prepare dinner for a poor family whose mother was lying a corpse. Her friend said, "Why can't you go?" She said, "Oh, I can't go. Mother is away. I must go home to get dinner for the boys," (she had two brothers and both grown.) If her friend went, how about her husband and little boy. You know we like to do the easy things, but who of us wish to sacrifice.

We find plenty who enjoy getting up a church social and help eat the cream, but ask them to help watch the sick who are too poor to hire a nurse, see how long their faces become.

A lady solicited money to buy a dress for a poor woman, took the goods to a neighbor, just recovering from typhoid fever, and asked her to make the dress. She didn't consider herself able to do her own sewing and this woman was aware of the fact. She, however, undertook the job. The woman left, her face aglow with smiles of satisfaction and appreciation. Her neighbor thought to try her a little and almost finished the dress, (what she left undone was easy to do.) She took it to her and said, "I have it nearly done, will you please finish it?" The expression of her face changed and she gave vent to a deep sigh. Do you think she finished it?

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DO NOT BEGIN.

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"Resist the beginnings" is an old proverb of advice with regard to evil courses, and the heeding of such advice would have saved many thousands of people the most bitter experiences, both in this world and in the world to come. It is the beginning of a career of skepticism which has led many on into a barren wilderness of spiritual starvation, and finally into an eternal hell. The following words of Mr. Joseph Barker, a late president of the British National Secular

Society, ought to be profoundly pondered by every young person: "To you who are beginning to entertain skeptical views, let me offer a word of warning and of advice. I assure you, you know not what you are doing. The path you are entering on may seem right to you in your present state of mind, but the end the end is death. You are preparing for yourself matter for bitter repentance. I have trod the dreadful path from beginning to end. I know it all. It is a weary and dismal road and it leads to wretchedness and ruin. I have seen the dreadful effects which infidelity produces on man's characters. I have had proof of its deteriorating influence in my own experience, its tendency to utter debasement. I have read and studied both sides, and, what is more, I have tried both; and the result is a full assurance that infidelity is madness, and that the religion of Christ is the perfection of wisdom and goodness." There is nothing at all surprising in this able and influential man's experience. It is just what the Bible has been telling for centuries men would experience if they followed the courses which this man pursued. The way of skepticism is the way of the soul's damnation and death, while the way God's truth is the way of soul-life, of purest bliss, of eternal good. The only safe thing for every young person is to not begin walking in the way of skepticism, but rather to early walk in true wisdom's way, which is that of accepting Christ as the Lord of one's life and and the eternal joy of his soul.

BE READY FOR THAT DAY.

ANNA WOOD,

"Watch therefore for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

When we lay our head upon our pillow at night and fall asleep, we have no assurance that we shall wake and arise in the morning; death may claim us while we are sound asleep. So it is so much better for us to be prepared to meet our God at any time. Let us be ready at morning, noon or night for when the Lord calls we must obey the summons. Life is so uncertain and death is sure, when we arise in the morning feeling well and at our very best we cannot say that we will live to see the sun set. We do not know what a day may bring forth, something may take place that would take us from this earth without one moment's warning. Then what would our portion be if unpre-